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A Man Who Kicks Like A Steer Because His Wife Pays \$2.19 For A Hat, Smiles Benignly When His Friends Take A 15 Cent Drink On His Turn.

Bennington County NATIONAL BANK

Capital \$100,000.

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TIO RENT-Warm furnished single rooms or rooms for light housekeeping.
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TO RENT.—Desirable tenements, offices and store. Possession given immediately, W. R. Hawks, 2-5 North St. TO REAT-Pive rooms on first floor, moc-en improvements, also a furnished room for lady or school girl. Apply to Miss M. N. Moore, 231 Paris St.

FOR RENT House, Willow St., now occurs conveniences. Inquire Mrs Edw. Norton,

TO BENT.—Cottage 266 Grove St., 8 rooms bath and tollet; No. 209 Main St., 12 rooms bath, tollet, hot water boiler and steam heat. W B. Sheid a. 35t

TIO RENT .- Seven room tenement on Union at; single bouse; possession given at once.
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TO RENT-Two very desirable tenements. Apply to B. G. Slade

Want Rep. Weman for general house.
work, good gook. Call or address 220
West Main street.

WANTED. Man to do shore work on farm need out wood through winter Jesse Robinson. wif

WANTED-Orders for fruit trees, orna mental trees and shrubery for spring de-livering. Allen Nursery, Rochester, N. Y. C. Alosworth, Agent, 31t West Main St. 44tf

WANTED Faithful person to call on retal trade and agests for manufacturing house having well, established business; local territory; simight salary \$50 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience nunceessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superhaundent Travelers, 505 Monon Bidz., Chicago, IH.

WANTED --Position by an experienced woman nurse. Best of references given Inquire 442 Main St. 39wi

WANTED - Young man or lady to do house to house advertising. Nothing to sell, good pay. Address R., Bennington Banner.

HOR SALE.—Two new mileh cows, 6 years old, one Jersey. Geo. E. Davis near Haynes Corners, Beunington, Vt.

FOR SALE.—Pair of farm horses, kind and true. 3. J. Keator, Manager "Fairview farms."

L'OR SALE .- 40 wagons of all descriptions. I an sets of narcess, single and double 20 Horses, good drivers and work horses. Inquire at W. J. Phelen's Livery,



GARETTO MURDER TRIAL.

Now Progress Being Made As Witnesses Can-Not Talk English.

Montpelier, Dec. 18:-Proceedings in the Garetto morder case gies on slowly because only a few witnesses can talk English.

Along the witnesses yesterday was Emilio Vochini, who ran toward Garreto with a chair during the shooting and was struck in the side by a spent bullit. It is expected that the state will rest today.

SKILLED IN SURGERY.

Sir Frederick Treves. Who Operated

on King Edward of England. Sir Frederick Treves, the famous English surgeon who has just retired. goes into private life with the unparalleled record of having performed over a thousand operations for appendicitis without a death. It was Sir Frederick who, as surgeon

to King Edward, was called upon to



perform the delicate abdominal operation on his majesty last summer just

prior to the corquation. The great surgeon, who is but fifty years old, was educated in London and won his reputation in the London hospitals. When the Boer war broke out be threw up his practice and went to South Africa as consulting surgeon of the army. On his return to the British capital he was knighted and later was appointed sergeant surgeon to the king.

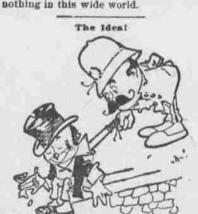


New York Evening Journal.

And He Was Assisted.



Gentleman With the Revolver-Would you, sir. be so kind as to assist a poor man? Besides this revolver I have nothing in this wide world.



"See here, ain't it time for you to be

"Home! Home! Shert'nly not. still got a dollar and twenty shenta "-Chlergo American.

STAMPS WILL

By the Home Trading Stamp Company.

BEGIN THIS AFTERNOON

Company Completed Plan Last Night and Will Open Store In Opera House Building.

The Bennington Merchart's Trading Stamp association met at the Mill Ends Pants Co's office Thursday evening. The report of the committee on bylaws, specifications, etc., was read by E. T. Griswold and the details of the same were explained.

The conditions of and the purpose of the Home Trading Stamp wass t forth of Montpelier positively declines to in the following paper, read by Mr Griswold:

"The undersigned a erchants having formed a distinctive Bennington organization, agree to give the Home Tradog Stamp Co's stamps with every cash purchase to the amount of 10 cents or over, redeemable for valuable articles at'the company's exhibition store soon to be opened in the opera house build

The Home Trading Stamp Co. is absolutely a home company in every particular. Whatever benefit may result from its operation, reverting not in part, but in full directly to the benefit of Bennington bomes and Bennington business conditions.

We ask your valued cooperation, promising to redeem your stamps in a liberal manner with satisfactory re

Each and every business man not a

J. M. Ayres,

H. H. Allen,

J. J. Burns.

Frank Bronori,

E. E. Bottum.

J. F. Camp,

M. Cailiton,

P. Eddington,

O. E. Gibson,

W. L. Gokay.

E. F. Houran,

U. L. Hudson,

H. Harry Levin.

John H. Moore,

T. F. Murrissey,

Mrs F. McLeod,

N. Noveck.

S. S. Pike,

C. H. Potter.

W. H. Peltier,

C. W Peterson,

W. N. Pentield,

B. A. Quinlan,

Peter Roy,

Parlor Millicery.

H. M. Ramsdell,

M. J. Schwab,

Thomas Stewart,

H Rosier and Co.,

Miss A Nolan,

E. L. Nichols,

Miss J. O'Donnell.

Mulligan and Roche,

W. P. Montgomery,

W. E. Hawks Jr.,

E. E. Hart,

E. T. Griswold.

Miss L. M. Barney.

Charles G. Cole,

Clarence Chandler,

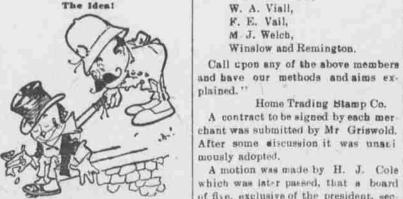
A. Drysdale and Son.

J. L. Harbour and Co.,

Bentington Shoe Store.

J. H. Cranston and Son,





which was later passed, that a board of five, exclusive of the president, secretary and treasurer, be appointed by the chairman as a board of managers. Later these were made an executive the meeting, which is called for 10 quest boar wish power to set in conjuge. q'el ek in the morning.

Home Trading Stamp Co.

Gokay, John H. Moore and M. Roche. It was voted that the name of the Bennington Merchant's Trading Stamp association be changed to the "Home Trading Stamp Co. "

For the present the company will use coupons which will be exchanged for stamps at any store carrying the home stamps.

2 cur Advertisers

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are to be used.

Advertisements for the weekly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday season.

Frank E. Howe.

DEBOER WONT RUN.

Prominently Mentioned Candidate For Governor Gives His Reasons.

Hon Joseph A. DeBoer president of the National Life insurance company be a candidate for governor. In a letter to Editor Ropes of the Montpelier Journal Mr DeBoer says:

Dear Mr Ropes:-Permit me to ac knowledge your favor of the 5th inst. asking if I will permit the use of my name as a candidate for the republican nomination to the governorship of this

To this my answer is "No." The eason for this answer is briefly this: I depend for my income upon my work. If I do not do that work all of the time, it is my opinion that I should not draw the pay. I need this pay, however, to discharge the obligations which I have assumed and for which I am responsible. It seems to me, therefore unwise and unnecessary to drop this work, which gives me pleasure, for the sake of seeking opportun-

Each and every business man cost a At the same time I may say frankly member is cordially invited to affiliate that I should like to be governor for the sake of the service and, if that service were before me in the form of an actual choice' I would gladly and proudly respond to the call. I regard myself barred, however, by circumstances, not meaning to suggest that men whose work does not involve the responsibilities of fixed trusteeship may not, with perfect honor and pro. his opinion that the hand which wrote will not go into the witness-box. priety, both seek and hold public them wrote the note, which Mrs Rogoffice of any kind.

Furthermore, I am wholly conscious written by her husband. that our Vermont woods, on both sides Mr Roberts based his opinion upon in my own shop.

Do me the favor, please, through ored me with their kind opinions and "enything." accept for yourself assurances of my continued regard,

Yours very truly, Jos. A. DeBoer.

NOT SO.

Woodford Not the Banner Town for Hedgehogs In Vermont.

Only a very small part of the \$8,000 aid by the state treasurer the past ear as bounties on bedgehogs came to Woodford.

It is probable however that more money will come the coming year. Master Walter Roy Knights killed three Saturday and Monday the town clerk paid the tickled lad the bounty. He intends to spend it for Christn a ..

LEFT FOR PHILIPPINES.

Pownal Man Socures Good Government Position.

Rodney Barber a well known young standards were introduced. man, 20 years of age, of Pownal, has Philippine islands. Young Barber Marcus Rogers wrote the nots?" "He for some time, and is a capable man. I have not the slightest doubt about Heleft for the far away country Wed- it." nesday afternoon with the best wishes

Notice.

from his many friends.

tion. The following were appointed by the chairman to serve on this board: E. T. Griswold, M. J. Welch, Wm. L. THE STAND

Says That Marcus Rogers Did Not Write The Note Found Pinned On Hat After His Death.

Declares That The Note was Written By Mrs. Rogers-W. H. Rogers of Manchester Also Finds That This Note Was Written By The Accused Woman and Not By Her Husband.

Frank Shaw, a relative of Mr started for Safford St.

James Riley, the insurance agent, was recalled and testified that Mrs Rogers was named as the beneficiary in her husband's policy. W. H. Roberts, was called to the

stand by the prosecution. He is the Bank of Manchester, and has had sixcen years' experience in the handling of checks and corrency. He was shown the standards of the

handwriting of Marcus Rogers and told to compare with them the note found pinned to Rogers hat. He said that the note was not in the handwriting of Marcus Rogers. He was shown the letters, which have

ers would have the public believe was

of the mountain, are full of better men the general appearance of the writ- Sunday at home might unduly hasten and that neither the party nor the ings, certain peculiaities in the con-State can suffer the slightest harm struction of the letters, and mispelled graph this noon. from my fixed purpose to keep at work | words, which appeared in the note and in Mrs Rogers' writing.

Rogers, in signing his name, almost not write two words.

invariably connected the "R" with the "o," but in the signature to the note this characteristic did not appear. Mr Roberts said that the writing in

the note, to him looked like a feigned or disguised band.

The defence in cross-examination tried to discredit Mr Roberts' testimony by pointing out differences in the writings accepted as standards.

The witness said that while the hand | the usual evening hour, writing of an adult might vary from time to time the general characteristies would differentiate it from any other's writing.

Thomas W. Cantwell, of Albany, who testified as an expert at the Molineaux trial in New York, went into the witness-box and having stated that he had had 56 years' experience judging signatures and conterfeits in clearing-houses and banks.

Photographic reproductions of the note and the handwriting used as

After he had examined all the handsecured a fine position as an electical writing submitted, this question was euder issued by the National Life inengineer for the government in the asked, "Whether in your opinion gurance company of Mompelier of has been making a study of electricity did not was the answer promptly,"

> The note which was pinned to Rogers' hat reads as follows: "blame no one as i bave at last put

an end to my miseber! life as my wife A special town meeting for Shafts- nows i have every threatened it, every bury has been called for Tuesday, Dec. one nows i have not enything or no 22nd at Cole ball in the south village. boy to live for no one can biame a c Business of importance to come before and so blame no one as my last re-

Marcus Rogers May I ope you will be hap yet

Mr Cantwell said that it was a phy-Rogers, said that on the night of the sical impossibility for Rogers to write alleged murder that Marcus came to the note, because it is in a small his house on Congress St about nine cramped hand and does not fill a small clock and when he left about ten piece of note paper and Rogers wrote a labored hand, which looked like a

school boy's writing. He said he thought the bandwriting in the note was feigned.

The word "any" spelled "ony" in the note is found "eny" in eleven of Mrs Regors' letters. "Request" is cashier of the Factory Point National spelled "requst" in Mrs Rogers' writings and in the note. There were also a great many other

consistencies which fix upon Mrs Rogers the authorship of the note, and he said Mrs Rogers wrote the note. It is expected that the state will rest

tonight and the defense will begin tomorrow morning. As to what it will years or less than eighteen months it be, to one bus the least inkling. Not a single subpoetae has been served by been accepted as specimens of Mrs any officer in the court room. It is Rogers writing and announced it as reasonably certain that Mrs Rogers ing for the last 30 years, and that he Even should the arguments close to

morrow morning, the case would prob ably not be given to the jury until Monday as the thought of spending a verdict. The jury sat for a photo-

In talking with the writer, Mr Cantwell said that reading character Thus, in the specimens of her writ- by handwriting is unreliable, though your paper, of conveying my sincer- ing the word "any" was spelled "eny" it may sometimes betray a nervous est thanks to all those who have hon- and in the note "anything" is written state. Two days after the death of Mrs Adams, he says Molineaux could

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

The public schools closed today for a two weeks vacation.

The Christmas service at the Second Congregational church Sunday even-

The display rooms of the New Home Trading Stamp company will be at C. L. Hudsons in the opera house build

Mrs H. L. Grant, whose husband was the pastor of the Methodist church here some 20 years ago died recently at Plattsburg, N Y. She was a splended woman in every way and will be rembered with much love and esteem. John Parish of Valley Falls, N. Y.,

is in town for a few days. The Evening Banner has received a copy of a pretty little historical calwhich C. N. Powers is the Loal agent

The grocery store of F. E. Perkins of Burlington was burned Wednesday morning. The entire contents, about \$15,000 worth were lost Mr Perkins is one of the executive committee for the state fireman's association.

Call And Give Your Orders For

Nursery Stock, Garden and Farm Seeds, Ornamental Shrubery, etc. Spring delivery.

C. Ainsworth, Main St., Bennington, Vt.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

At The Different Churchee Sunday Will Be Of A High Order.

The churches in the village have propared fine programmes for the music Sunday. At the Second Congregational church the following program

as been prepared : Organ Preinde.

Christmas Carol, Loud. Anthem, Whitney Coombs. "O That Glad'ning Story, Macy.

Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. ' Offertory-Bercense, Guilmant

"Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings," Truette. Postlude.

Dubois. Mrs Ross, soprano; Miss Coffey, alto; Mr Forbes, tenor; Mr Hollister, bass; Mrs Keeseman, organist.

CHIEF SHOT THREE TIMES

North Adams Policeman Tries To Murder Head Of Department

Chief of Police William F. Dinneer of North Adams was shot Thursday night by Policeman Gardner Northrup. One bullet entered his mouth, lodging in the neck, a second one grazed the abdomen and a third passed through the right hand. Northrup tried to fire the fourth time but was prevented by bystanders. He however managed to turn his revolver on himself and inflicted a flesh wound over

the heart. The condition of Chief Duncen is

quite critical Northrup was formerly a butcher Hoosick Falls. He had been suspend ed by his captain for intoxication a the action was approved by the chies

REED SENTENCED.

Man In Rutland Who Tried To Kell His Wife. Gets Two Years.

Rutland, Dec. 18, Gideon Reed who Tuesday assaulted his wife and beat her into insensibility, was yesterde sentenced to serve not more than to

the House of Correction. After receiving his sentence he said that he and his wife had been fighthad never before been arrested for it.

FIRE IN WOODFORD

Residence of Charles W. Bowles On Fire This bully by Morning

The mail carrier from Woodford when he arrived here about noon told that the residence of Charles W. Bowles, on the road to Woodford was on fire, and as a strong wind was blowing it was doubtful about the

home being saved. The bucket brigade was out in force, and trying their best to save the build.

FOWLER APPOINTED.

Governor Names Him as Successor To T. M. Deal of St Albans.

Gov McCullough has appointed J. M. Fowler of Manchester to succeed ing will be at 5 o'clock instead of at Thomas M. Deal of St Albans as trustee of the state industrial school, Mr. I Deal having resigned.

Mr Fowler is the present representative from the town of Manchestes and and has friends all over the state.

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight and Saturday. Con-



WE CIVE AWAY CREEN TRADING STAMPS TO ALL

CUSTOMERS J. T. Shurtleff. Druggist.

Sets acto Suries for Shoe